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**LOCAL MAN SENTENCED TO 50 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON
COUNTERFEIT CHECK CHARGES**

Montgomery, Alabama - Jeffery Alan Lunsford, age 52, was sentenced on August 19, 2010, by Senior United States District Judge W. Harold Albritton, III, to 50 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release for using counterfeit checks to obtain money and a motor home, U.S. Attorney Laura G. Canary announced today.

According to court records, on November 14, 2003, Lunsford opened a bank account using an alias at Peoples Bank & Trust (now BankTrust) in Millbrook, Alabama. Between November 14 and November 19, Lunsford deposited three counterfeit insurance company checks totaling approximately \$6500 into this account. Lunsford withdrew approximately \$6350 from the account.

On November 19, 2003, Lunsford purchased a new 2004 Monaco Diplomat motor home from Bankston Motor Homes in Montgomery Alabama. Lunsford bought the vehicle using a counterfeit insurance check payable to an alias (the same alias he had used at Peoples Bank) in the amount of \$175,400.67, which Lunsford endorsed. Lunsford left Alabama with the vehicle, which was eventually recovered in Texas.

Lunsford was indicted on June 9, 2004. He was a fugitive until his arrest in Delta, Colorado, in December 2009.

The case against Lunsford was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Steven P. Feaga and Andrew O. Schiff.